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Senate Resolution 353

By: Senator Rogers of the 21st

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Jennifer Thomas; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jennifer Thomas became a foster parent in 2005 and has been committed
- 3 to improving the lives of children in the foster care system ever since; and
- 4 WHEREAS, since opening up her home to foster siblings, a four-year-old girl and
- 5 seven-year-old boy, Mrs. Thomas has seen firsthand the importance of the family bond
- 6 between brothers and sisters; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thomas is the founder of Camp to Belong Georgia, an organization with
- 8 the mission of reuniting siblings separated by foster care for fun events that encourage
- 9 emotional empowerment, promote sibling connections, support educational needs, and create
- 10 happy childhood memories; and
- 11 WHEREAS, a nonprofit organization, Camp to Belong Georgia held its first event in July,
- 12 2008, reuniting 22 siblings from eight counties in Georgia; and
- 13 WHEREAS, a kindhearted and magnanimous woman, Mrs. Thomas works tirelessly
- 14 coordinating, fund raising, and organizing for Camp to Belong Georgia and the children in
- 15 foster care the camp serves; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thomas is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in sociology and hopes
- 17 to one day serve as a guardian ad litem or a court appointed special advocate for children;
- 18 and
- 19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Thomas recently married her husband, Jamie, and is already blessed with
- 20 a family of four children, two sons her husband brought to the family and the two foster
- 21 children the couple have decided to adopt; and

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WHEREAS, the benevolent and selfless deeds of this charitable woman serve as a shining

- 23 example of volunteerism, and the State of Georgia is honored and blessed to have Mrs.
- 24 Thomas as a citizen.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 26 commend Mrs. Jennifer Thomas on her efforts and contributions on behalf of foster children
- and congratulate her on the honorable distinction of being named TowneLaker magazine's
- 28 Pathfinder of the Month.
- 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 30 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Jennifer Thomas.